

REMARKS:

- 1) The present Preliminary Amendment basically avoids the multiple dependencies of the original PCT claims. Thus, claims 3 to 7 have been canceled and new claims 8 to 16 have been added. Claims 8 to 11 depend from claim 1 and are directly based on original translated claims 4 to 7, except for omitting the multiple dependencies. New independent claim 12 is directly based on original translated claim 3. New claims 13 to 16 depend from claim 12 and are directly based on original translated claims 4 to 7 except for omitting the multiple dependencies. Also, claims 9 and 14 have been corrected in comparison to original claim 5, by making clear that "a measurement of the deflection of each seismic mass is achieved ...". This correction is apparent from the substance and context of the original disclosure (see page 5 lines 17 to 20 and page 7 lines 19 to 22). Thus, the correction does not introduce any new matter.
- 2) In accordance with the PCT procedures, the original specification of this application was a direct literal translation of the PCT application text. The specification has now been amended in a formal manner, to better comply with typical US application format and the like. For example, typical application section headings have been inserted, and specific reference to particular claim numbers in the specification has been avoided. In this regard, the text of independent claims 1 and 3 has been copied into page 3 of the specification. A minor error in reference

characters has been corrected at page 4 line 15. These merely formal and editorial amendments do not introduce any new matter. Entry thereof is respectfully requested.

3) Favorable consideration and allowance of the application including all present claims 1, 2 and 8 to 16 are respectfully requested.

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